

# SALES TAX PROJECTS

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**Project Number:** 27  
**Project Name:** Orange Avenue Widening (Adams to Springhill)  
**Total Project Cost:** \$33,100,000

## Total Project Cost Notes

In order create a corridor with consistent widths, the full FDOT project begins widening Orange Avenue at Adams Street Intersection through Capital Circle Southwest (CCSW).

Six million dollars was originally included in the project to replace the bridge over the St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail. FDOT is replacing the bridge in 2014 and will build the bridge to accommodate the street widening proposed in this project. The six million dollars originally meant to cover the bridge replacement is no longer needed and the total project costs has been updated to reflect this.

The East Segment from Adams Street to Springhill Road (1.2 miles) cost = \$39,100,000. This segment has several commercial developments which would more than likely result in higher costs to acquire right of way.

The Committee elected to defer the West Segment from Springhill Rd. to CCSW (3.0 miles), also estimated to cost \$39,100,000.

## Executive Project Summary:

The original FDOT project calls for the widening of Orange Avenue to four lanes between Adams Street and Capital Circle Southwest (CCSW), including bike lanes and sidewalks.

The Sales Tax Committee elected to focus on connecting the existing 4-lane segment east of Adams Street to the proposed Airport Gateway (Project 3) at Springhill Road. A multi-use path would run the length of the corridor, enhancing access to the St. Marks Bike Trail and the Capital Cascades Trail. The 1998 PD & E study would be updated to allow community input to the new corridor design.

## Actions Taken by the Committee:

March 28, 2013: Moved the project to a second round for consideration.

April 26, 2013: Moved the project to Priority Level 1 and revised the project to widen Orange Ave. (from Adams Street to Springhill Road.), thereby reducing the cost from \$78,200,000 to \$39,100,000.

June 13, 2013: Moved the project to Tier 1.

September 26, 2013: Requested an update to the project to reflect Florida Department of Transportation's plans to repave the road and replace the bridge.

## Themes

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Mobility/Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Vitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecotourism/Parks             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Water Quality      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Infrastructure      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gateways          |

## Detail Project Description

This project will create a consistent corridor from Capital Circle Southeast to the proposed Airport Gateway (Project 3). This will ease access to FAMU as well as neighborhoods and commercial areas in the southern areas of downtown.

Stormwater enhancements, greenways, landscaping and alternative transportation modes will reduce impacts from the existing roadway to the neighborhoods and the East Drainage Ditch. The multi-use trail along the corridor will enhance access to the St. Marks Trail and the Capital Cascades Trail. The project can be expected to stimulate economic development in the long-run through the access improvements.

**Cost By Themes**

\$33,100,000	Regional Mobility/Transportation
	Sense of Community
	Environmental/Water Quality
	Connectivity
	Economic Vitality
	Ecotourism/Parks
	Vertical Infrastructure
	Gateways

*State Road (S.R.) 373 (Orange Avenue)*  
*Bridge Replacement at the St. Marks Trail in Leon County*  
Financial Project Identification Number: 432137-1-52-01



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to replace the State Road (S.R.) 373 (Orange Avenue) bridge at the St. Marks Bike Trail. Weight restrictions placed on the bridge by FDOT have accelerated the need for replacement. In addition to the replacement of the bridge, the roadway approaching each end of the bridge will be reconstructed and include drainage improvements, bike lanes, and new sidewalk along the south side of S.R. 373. Due to the nature of this project, S.R. 373 and the St. Marks Trail will be closed in the area of the project. Maps are enclosed with the proposed detour route for both S.R. 373 and the St. Marks Trail. Additional details regarding the project, detour routes and construction duration will be available at the meeting. Construction on this project is currently scheduled to begin summer 2014.







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## PROJECT LOCATION IN LEON COUNTY

A Florida Department of Transportation Public Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (EDT), at the Bethel A.M.E. Church, 501 West Orange Avenue, Tallahassee. The meeting is being held in an open house format, allowing participants to attend the meeting and ask questions. While the open house format does not include a formal presentation, meeting participants can speak with the project manager or project personnel one-on-one.

### Who will take my comments?

Persons wishing to submit written statements may do so at the meeting or by mailing them to the Project Manager, 777 Main Street, Building A, Chipley, Florida, 32428. Information must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, November 26, 2013. Additional contact information can be found below.

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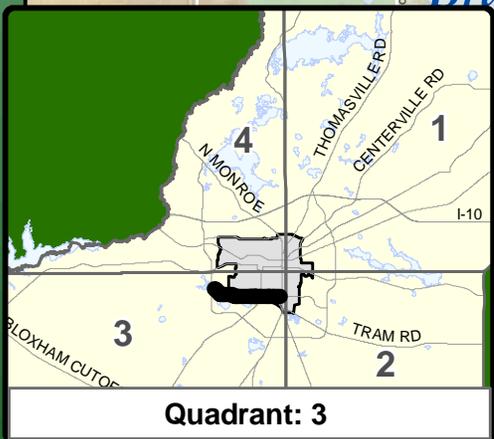
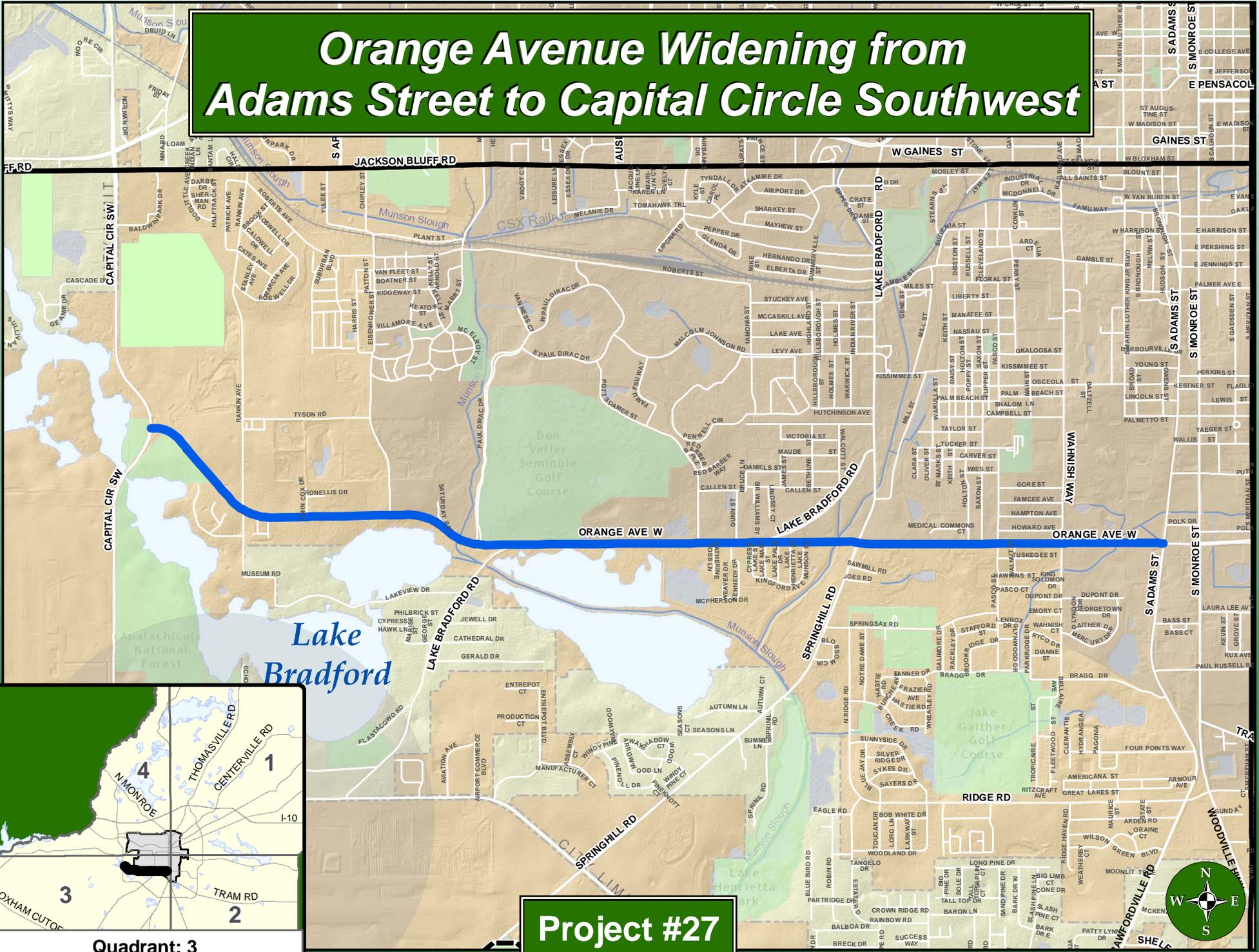
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# Orange Avenue Widening from Adams Street to Capital Circle Southwest



**Project #27**



Previous Project Information for:

**Project #27**  
**Orange Avenue Widening from Adams**  
**Street to Capital Circle Southwest**

Note: Based on direction from the Committee at the March 28, 2013 Sales Tax Committee meeting, below is a list of previous project(s) that were merged or modified to create a holistic project for the Committee's consideration.

Project Name: Orange Avenue Widening (*Previously Project #64*)

# Proposed Sales Tax Projects by the Community

**Project Name:** Orange Avenue Widening (Project #64)

**Project Themes:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecotourism/Parks             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Infrastructure      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gateways                     |

**Project Description:**

The Orange Avenue Widening project encompasses a holistic approach to transportation capacity improvements, regional mobility, connectivity to existing/proposed amenities, and enhances the water quality of the Southside area. The corridor will connect downtown commercial areas and FAMU to Capital Circle SW and Capital Circle SE. This connection also provides an efficient route between the existing pedestrian and bike networks, from Capital Circle SW to Capital Circle SE. This project widens Orange Avenue (Capital Circle SW to Wahnish Way) to four lanes and constructs a multi-use path along the entire roadway to connect to regional amenities. The Florida Department of Transportation completed a preliminary design study in 1998, which will require updating to address current conditions and design standards. At the time, the Department reached out to area residents for their comments on the proposed corridor study. The estimated cost to update the PD&E, complete engineering and permitting, acquire right-of-way, and construct the improvements is \$78.2 million.

The specific elements of the project include the following:

- Widen the roadway between Capital Circle SW and Wahnish Way to four lanes
- Realign Lake Bradford Road West to intersect with Paul Dirac Drive
- Construct multi-use paths along Orange Avenue between Capital Circle SW and Wahnish Way, enhancing access to the St. Marks Bike Trail and the Capital Cascades Trail
- Green Infrastructure enhancements include new stormwater facilities and swales in the right-of-way to improve runoff water quality

**Project Map:**

